



Sunday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 – Parishioners of St. Jude
10:30– Leonard & Fr. Urban Reichlin
12:00– Tamara Gaydos

Monday, March 22 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 – Anthony Valencic

Tuesday, March 23 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 – Frank Bryda

Wednesday, March 24 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 – Wilhelmina Boyson

Thursday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 @ St. Mary

Friday, March 26 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 – Marsha Ann & George Lichman

Saturday, March 27 – Lenten Weekday

4:30 – Clara Slack

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

8:30 – Harold Hintz & Lorraine Pichola
10:30– Deceased of the Parish
12:00– Parishioners of St. Jude

Readings for March 28: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philipians 2:6-11;
Luke 19:28-40.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community Aaron Paul Solet, Maria Kay Pitts and Stephanie Grace Pitts who were baptized last week.



In your prayers this week, please remember the needs included in our parish petition book and especially Mikaela, Matt, Rosetta, Tim, Jim, Lisa, Arianna, Dan, Benjamin and Steve.

If you would like the parishioners to pray for an individual, please leave a message for Becky Diederich at 366-5711 ext 103 or email sjwebmaster@saintjudeparish.org. We will include the name in the bulletin for three weeks. If you would like that request extended, call the name in again. We will only include first names and not specifics. As a parish community, let us pray for each other's needs.

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year we extend our traditional invitation to share in the purchase of the Easter flowers for the church. Our Art & Environment Committee has again put together a wonderful design appropriate for the Easter Season. Special envelopes are in the contribution packets mailed to all parishioners. Please return them in the collection basket before Easter.



Please pick up a copy of the April edition of *Take-Out: Family Faith on the Go* in the Gathering Area next weekend.



Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 21

Cub Scout Pack Mtg – Carrabine after 10:30 Mass
Food Collection – Gathering Area
Red Cross Blood Drive – FamCtr from 9am-1pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, March 22

PSR – School at 6:15pm

Tuesday, March 23

Employment Network – FamCtr at 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 24

Reflecting on Scripture – Chapel at 6:00pm

Friday, March 25

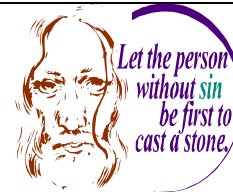
Fish Fry – Carrabine from 5-7pm
Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 26

Altar & Rosary Bake Sale – after Mass

Sunday, March 27

Altar & Rosary Bake Sale – after Masses
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm



FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Before Jesus faced the attacks of the scribes and Pharisees, he spent the night in the quiet of the Mount of Olives. Technology increases the demands on us and we all need a quiet place to refuel our spirit, otherwise all we share in our homes are fatigue and bitterness. Where can you find a few minutes each day to refresh your spirit?



COMMUNAL PENCE SERVICE

There will be a Lenten Communal Penance Service for the Catholic Church of Elyria on Sunday, March 28 at 7:00pm at St. Mary Church. All are welcome to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00pm, you are invited to join in prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful journey of reflection on the passion and death of Jesus and a traditional Lenten experience. Please join us.

HOLY NAME FISH FRY

Please join us from 5-7pm in Carrabine Hall on March 26 & April 2nd. We would like to mention that the families of St. Jude School children provide us with all the desserts that we serve at the Lenten Fish Fry. The assortment is astounding and the quality is the very best that you can get. This is another expression of true Stewardship toward the St. Jude Community. We thank the parents for their sacrifice as they help us with our efforts. May God bless you all.



School News

Eighth grade students will perform the "Passion Play" during all Masses next weekend, March 27-28. Students have been so reverent as they have worked to prepare for their rendition of Jesus' Passion. Their presentation is truly their prayer and worship.

ST. JUDE SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Promises:

I will help my mom do laundry.....*Jordan, 2nd grade*

I will help my friend when he gets hurt.....*Zachary, 1st grade*

Share.....*Mikey, Kindergarten*

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Having Easter Dinner at Your House? Use our gift cards to buy everything from the ham to your Easter bonnet. You can buy Walmart/Sam's Club, Apples, Giant Eagle, GFS, Kohl's, Sears, and JC Penney *in the Gathering Area every Sunday!* You pay face value and St. Jude School gets a profit. What a deal!

Sales: Gathering Area at Church Sat. 4-6pm & Sunday 9:15-Noon. Rectory: Monday-Friday 8am-Noon & 1-3pm.




The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

Next week is Holy Week. Please bring your Rice Bowl container to one of the Holy Week services and place it in the collection basket or turn it in at the rectory. It would be helpful if you convert the change to bills or write a check out to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.



EVERYONE IS INVITED to a Wine & Cheese Social on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00pm at the Rectory, sponsored by the St. Jude Parish Festival Committee. Whether you're already heading up a committee or just plan to work a couple of hours, be one of the first to know of what is being planned for this, our 26th festival! This is an open invitation for all who are curious and for those who want to use your talent and time to **GET INVOLVED!**

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$17,800
Regular Collection for Mar 14:		<u>\$18,483</u>
Difference for the week:	+	\$ 683
Number of Envelopes:	532	
Helping Hands Mar. 14:	\$345.54	
Year-To-Date Totals		
Amount Budgeted:		\$658,600
Total Sunday Offertory:		<u>\$586,782</u>
Difference:	-	\$ 71,818
		
Outstanding Mortgage Balance:		\$595,522
Building Fund Account Balance:		\$112,615
Monthly Mortgage Payment:		\$ 6,171

Thank you for your generosity!

From the Pastor's Desk

STEWARDSHIP FOLLOW-UP

Lent is a time the Church slows down and reflects on the very core of our belief: Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is Jesus who revealed the concept of Stewardship-believing everything we have is a gift from God, our Creator, to which we must give a response – showing our gratitude for these gifts of time, talent and treasure. As a part of our Lenten journey this year we have been reflecting on our stewardship response to God and to our parish community. Earlier in March everyone received in the mail **A Call to Love – Spirituality, Gratitude, Giftedness**. I thank all who have taken the time to complete and return the 2010 Commitment Card. If you have not done so yet, please take a few moments and return it at your earliest convenience. Additional commitment cards are available in the Gathering Area of the Church.

My dream is that every one of our 2,100 households would be active in our parish life. Stewardship helps us to achieve this goal by inviting the participation of everyone in our parish family in whatever capacity they are able. We each have something to offer and every commitment has value and is needed. As in family life, when we all do what we can in the spirit of love, amazing things happen. In advance, thank you for your response and if there are concerns that we can be of help, please do not hesitate to call me or any of my staff at the rectory 366-5711 or school 366-1681.

PARISH COUNCIL

Every year we select three new members for our St. Jude Parish Council. If you have not done so yet, please submit names of candidates to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket. Nomination forms are available in the Gathering Area and are due April 5. Please feel free to nominate yourself or any other registered, confirmed, and active member of St. Jude parish.

GRADUATING ALTAR SERVERS

Next weekend will be the last Mass for four of our dedicated altar servers, before graduating from high school. **Joe Cavaceci** and **Chris Pienoski** at 4:30 Saturday, and **Courtney Lutke** and **Breanna Wisnor** at 10:30 Sunday. They have been altar servers for eight years. We would like to thank them for their years of service to the church and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT!!

Altar & Rosary members will be making Nut & Poppyseed Rolls on Wed., March 24 at 1:30pm & Thurs., March 25 at 1:30pm in Carrabine Kitchen. Bring along a friend and join us in this great volunteering job. It's fun-you'll love it! Donations of flour, sugar, margarine, and eggs can be dropped off in the Community Room kitchen of the Church. Monetary donations also will be accepted. Sale of the rolls will be after all Palm Sunday Weekend Masses.

Also available will be cabbage rolls – cooked or uncooked, frozen. Call Fran 365-6163 or Jean 365-7971 if you wish to purchase any for your holiday meal.

Catholic Employment Network of Lorain County

Our next meeting is this Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 in the St Jude Family Center. Our guest speaker, Kelly Flowers will be giving a presentation on "Using Linked-In To Enhance Your Job Search". We hope to see you there!!

The St. Patrick's Luncheon for the benefit of the El Salvador



Missions netted \$1,550 for the cause. Reuben & Hot Dog platters were delicious and the Young Irish Dancers entertained all. Winners of the raffle were: \$100 – Mary Ann McCoy; Afghan - Janet Tischler; Afghan – Maureen Shepard; Basket of Irish – Avery Pelko; Other winners were: Joan Schwenz, Connie Brent, Hugh Coburn, Carole Caruso, Dorothy Pritchard, George V & Betty Girman. Thanks to all who supported this worthy benefit.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday from 7am-6pm in the Chapel. At 6:00pm there is a Scripture reflection on the Sunday Gospel after the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Make this part of your prayer for the season of Lent.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, APRIL 9 Sr. Barbara O'Donnell, HM, of Villa Maria, PA: "Perspectives on Climate Change". Questions continue to increase as data is gathered regarding global climate change. At the same time Catholic values motivate our concern for the future of all communities. Participate in a conversation that integrates Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and the cosmic story! Come away with resources for gathering information and joining in the dialogue. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship, and good food at LCCC, 11:30am. Tickets \$15. RSVP by calling 244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, April 5th.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC POT O' GOLD

On Saturday, April 24th, Elyria Catholic High School will be hosting our spring fundraiser, the Pot O' Gold, "Mardi Gras Style". The EC coliseum will be filled with excitement as 450+ guests enjoy dinner, dancing, bidding on fabulous auction items and of course, our main event, the \$5,000 reverse raffle! Tickets are \$150/couple and are going fast, so please contact the Development Office today (440.365.1821 ext. 22 or 34) if you are interested in attending.

Feeling lucky but can't attend the event? Our leprechaun tickets are also now on sale! Prize is either tuition for one student at Elyria Catholic for the 2010-2011 school year (\$6,500 value) or \$5,000 Cash!! Tickets are only \$50 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets available on a first come first serve basis. Contact the above number to get your lucky ticket! The winning ticket will be drawn at The Pot O' Gold fundraiser. Winner need not be present.

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2009 is the Diocesan effort to provide greater transparency, accounting, and responsible stewardship. The summary and detailed financial data as well as a review of Church activities across all eight counties of the Diocese can be found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/finance.

YOUTH MINISTRY REMINDER

We will be meeting today, March 21 at St. Mary's from 4:00-7:00pm. Email Darlene at elyriacym@oh.rr.com with any questions.

2010 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal:

"...trust in the Lord; hope in the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7

Consider the plight of those who are less fortunate. We know that Jesus has called us not only to recognize that all that we are and all that we have is given to us by our God but also that we return a portion of those gifts as a sign of our gratitude. A gift to Catholic Charities is one way to show gratitude for God's role in our lives. Remember to turn in your pledge envelope as soon as possible. Additional envelopes are available in the bulletin racks. Please pray for the success of this Appeal.



Pierogi Lunches During Lent: St. Mary is offering pierogi lunches on Fridays thru March 26. Lunch is served or take out available 11:30am-1:00pm and includes 5 Sophie's Choice Pierogi's, Salad, Roll & butter & beverage for \$6. Advance order accepted 323-5539.

Catholic Church of Elyria Event: Fr. Lorn Snow, SJ & Rita Carfagna will present the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola on Tuesday, March 23 at St. Agnes Church from 7:00-8:30pm. This is part of the *Praying with the Saints* Series.

Chili/Chocolate Challenge at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Columbia Station is today March 21 from 1:30-4:30pm. This family event lets you be the judge – vote for your favorite! Adm \$8/Ages 12 & under are only \$1.

Sharing Grief The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time-sharing your grief. A bereavement support group session will be held at Calvary Cemetery on North Ridge Rd., Lorain on March 21 from 3-4pm. You don't need to spend your Sunday afternoon alone – please come and share.

St. Agnes Annual Palm Sunday Chicken Paprikas Dinner on Sunday, March 28 from noon-3pm in the Church Hall. Adults \$9; kids 6-12 \$3.50 and under 5 are free. Dinner includes chicken paprikas, homemade dumplings, salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage. Carry outs available in your own containers. Stop in for a delicious dinner!

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Cleveland's Goodness Again Demonstrated

And the second great commandment is "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt.22:36-40). Once again the good people of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland have responded to the Word. It is with deepest gratitude that Bishop Richard Lennon reports that more than \$1.1 million has been donated by the parishes to Catholic Relief Services for the recovery effort in Haiti. CRS reports it will be working in Haiti for years to come. Currently, shelter during Haiti's rainy season is the highest priority as emergency shelter kits have been distributed to 12,000 families.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were all mailed on January 22nd. This includes Future Fund Statements and Regular Contribution Statements. Should you need assistance, please call the rectory 366-5711 ext 103.